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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

To the Members of the Institute :

I have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Council, the following report on the affairs of the Institute from September 1, 1898, to August 31, 1899.

The annual meeting of the Council was held in New York on May 13, 1899. By an arrangement finally agreed upon at the time of the adoption of the revised Regulations of the Institute on May 8, 1897, the annual meetings of the Managing Committees of the Schools of Classical Studies at Athens and in Rome were held in the same city on the two preceding days. This arrangement proves to be very satisfactory, since it enables the members of the Council, of the Managing Committees of the Schools, and of their three Executive Committees, who are resident in widely separated parts of the country, freely to discuss plans and policies in friendly intercourse between the meetings. This intimate relation promotes good understanding and good fellowship, and makes the official consideration of business at the meetings harmonious, expeditious, and effective. As in previous years all the meetings were held in the rooms of the Department of Architecture of Columbia University, and the officers of the Institute and of the Schools desire again to express their appreciation of the kindness of the President and Board of Trustees of the University and of the courtesy and genial hospitality of Professor William R. Ware, the Director of its Department of Architecture.

The meeting of the Council was largely attended. Besides its own members, members of the Managing Committees of the Schools at Athens and in Rome and former pupils of the Schools were present as guests of the Council and were invited to take part in its discussions. The occasion was made noteworthy by the presence of Professor C. E. Norton and Professor Charles Waldstein, both of whom addressed the meeting. Just twenty years had elapsed since the first meeting of the Institute was held in the spring of 1879, in Boston, under the presidency of Professor Norton, its founder. In receiving Professor Waldstein, the Council welcomed not only a guest who had been invited from abroad to address the Societies of the Institute, but also the first permanent Director of the School at Athens, for many years its constant friend and a wise promoter of its highest interests.

During the year the Institute has suffered the loss by death of three distinguished members: Mr. George Dennis of London, an Honorary Member, author of *Cities and Cemeteries of Etruria*; Dr. William Pepper of Philadelphia, a Vice-President, and a President of the Pennsylvania Society; and Mr. David L. Bartlett of Baltimore, an honored member of the Baltimore Society and for many years one of its representatives on the Council.

Six members have been added to the Council during the year: Mr. C. P. Bowditch of the Boston Society, as a Vice-President of the Institute; Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson of Philadelphia, as President of the Pennsylvania Society; and Rev. Dr. John P. Peters, Mr. Franklin MacVeagh, Professor S. B. Platner, and Professor E. P. Morris, as members respectively of the New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and New Haven Societies. The members of the Council now number thirty-nine.

At its annual meeting the Council received the resignation of its Treasurer, Mr. James Loeb. Mr. Loeb was forced, by reason of the state of his health, to relinquish the duties which he had performed with signal ability, and his resignation was

accepted, but with regret. The Council has entered upon its minutes the following vote :

The Council accepts with regret the resignation by Mr. Loeb of the office of Treasurer of the Institute. It recognizes gratefully the fidelity and efficiency of his discharge of the duties of his office, and desires to place upon its records the expression of its appreciation of the value of his many services to the Institute.

At the annual meeting the Secretary reported that at the beginning of the year the Institute numbered 128 Life Members and 705 Annual Members, and that, at the time of the meeting, the number of Life Members was 123, and of Annual Members 728, a total of 851, with a net increase for the year of 18.

The Council regrets to announce that, in consequence of the diminished membership of the Cincinnati and Washington Societies, it has seemed best no longer to attempt to maintain them as separate organizations. Some of their members have been transferred to other Societies of the Institute.

The name of the New Haven Society has been changed to the Connecticut Society of the Institute, and to this several residents of that state, who had been connected with other Societies, have transferred their membership.

During the year, 150 boxes of plates and cuts of former publications of the Institute and School at Athens have been transferred from the University Press to the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse in Cambridge, where they are separately stored.

The plan inaugurated by the Council in 1897-98, by which it provides courses of lectures each year before the Societies of the Institute, was successfully continued during the past winter. Lectures were delivered by Professor Perrin of Yale University, on *The Tanagra Figurines*, and on *A Classical Archaeologist before the Sistine Madonna*; by Dr. Joseph Clark Hoppin, now of Bryn Mawr College, on *The Masters of Athenian Vase Painting*, and on *Athletic Sports as Portrayed upon Greek Vases*; by Professor Breasted, of the University of Chicago, on *The Origin and History of the Pyramid*; by

Professor Seymour, of Yale University, on *A Midsummer Trip to the Lands of Hellas*; and by Professor Charles Waldstein, Slade Professor of Fine Arts in the University of Cambridge, England, on *The American Excavation of the Argive Heraeum*, on *The Spirit of Greek Art*, and on *The Art of Phidias*.

The Council herewith submits the reports for 1898-99 of the Chairmen of the Managing Committees of the Schools at Athens and in Rome, with the reports made to these Committees for the same year by the Directors of the Schools.

The Committee in charge of the School at Athens reports progress in the preparation for publication of the results of the excavation conducted at the Argive Heraeum during the years 1892-95 by Professor Waldstein, by whom the work, in two quarto volumes, will be edited, with the assistance of scholars who took part in the excavation and others who have been actively engaged on the arrangement of the collections and their preparation for publication. The Institute has had part from the beginning in this noteworthy undertaking. It contributed liberally to the fund by means of which the excavation was made; it has voted a subvention of twenty-five hundred dollars to the publication of its results; and it has appointed representatives—the President, Professor H. N. Fowler, and Mr. Edward Robinson—to serve on the joint committee which will have general charge of the publication in this country. Arrangements will probably be made by which the work will be furnished to members of the Institute on advantageous terms. The report to the Council at its annual meeting, made for the joint committee by its chairman, Professor Seymour, concluded with the announcement that the Committee, on the suggestion of Professor Waldstein, had unanimously voted to dedicate the work to Professor C. E. Norton, whose wise counsels and active interest had greatly promoted the welfare of the School at Athens.

The report in behalf of the Managing Committee of the School in Rome records action of signal importance. The

Committee has made the Directorship of the School permanent. To take this important step so soon after the foundation of the School, when the means for its support were not yet assured, required courage and faith, but the Committee was unanimous in its opinion that the action should no longer be deferred. The Director was elected for a period of five years. With him will be annually associated, as professors in the School, scholars of repute from the Faculties of our Universities and Colleges. The School thus secures permanence in control, and the bond is not weakened which unites it to American institutions of learning. That the School supplies a positive need and is an important addition to the resources of the higher education in America is a sentiment that has recently been publicly indorsed by many Presidents of American Universities.

The Council learnt with regret of the resignation of the chairman of the Managing Committee of the School in Rome, Professor Hale, of the University of Chicago. Professor Hale has managed the interests of the School for more than four years with energy and success. The Institute commits to the Managing Committee of each School the entire administration of its affairs; nevertheless, the Council, desiring to place on its records the expression of its appreciation of the value of Professor Hale's services, has entered upon its minutes the following vote :

The Council of the Institute, being informed of the resignation by Professor Hale of the office of chairman of the Managing Committee of the School in Rome, desires to record the expression of its regret that he has found it necessary to relinquish the position which he has held with distinction since the organization of the School, and also of its grateful recognition of the fidelity and ability with which he has conducted its affairs during the first four years of its history.

At its annual meeting, a communication in respect to the American School of Oriental Study and Research in Palestine was presented to the Council by Dr. W. H. Ward and Dr. John P. Peters, in behalf of the Council of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, to the following effect:

Professor J. H. Thayer reported to the Society at a meeting held on December 28, 1898, that the Council of the Institute, by unanimous vote, had authorized its Executive Committee to effect the union of the School with the Institute upon conditions similar to those under which the schools at Athens and Rome are affiliated with it, and had agreed, if the union should be effected, to guarantee to the School in Palestine aid to the amount of five hundred dollars for the year 1899-1900. [For the action of the Council, see the *Journal of the Institute*, Vol. II, No. 6, p. 475.] The Society hereupon voted that the School should be affiliated with the Institute on the terms stated, with the understanding that only such material produced by the School in Palestine, or relating to its explorations, as is of a distinctly archaeological and non-biblical character would be held to be subject to the prior claim of the *Journal of the Institute*, while papers and explorations of distinctly biblical interest would naturally be delivered to the Committee on Publication of the Society.

The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis has thus approved the union of the School with the Institute on the terms voted by the Council at its annual meeting in 1898. But no steps were taken toward the organization of the School in the past year, because of the absence in Europe of Professor J. H. Thayer, the chairman of the committee in charge of the School. On his return, the purpose of its founders is to proceed immediately with its organization. The exact terms of its relation to the Institute will be determined in conference with the Executive Committee of the Institute, and its entire administration, including the expenditure of its income, will then be committed to its Managing Committee.

The School at Athens has been forming in recent years a collection of lantern slides for the illustration of Greek topography, architecture, art, and classical antiquities. The collection is designed not to include subjects which can readily be obtained from ordinary dealers, but to supplement these with unusual and ordinarily inaccessible subjects, or with views which will specially illustrate the work of the School. Provision has been made by which the slides can be borrowed or duplicated and purchased. The collection has proved to be useful, and a joint committee has been appointed representing the Institute, the School at Athens, and the School in Rome to take charge of a general collection of slides to be managed

under the auspices of the Institute. The members of this committee are Professor Fowler, of Western Reserve University, for the Institute; Professor Howes, of the University of Vermont, for the School at Athens; and Professor Marquand, of Princeton University, and Professor Kelsey, of the University of Michigan, for the School in Rome. This joint committee will present a plan for the consideration of the Managing Committees and the Council, at the annual meeting to be held in May, 1900.

The Council elected the following officers to serve during the year 1899-1900: President, Professor John Williams White; Acting President (to serve in the absence of the President in Europe), Professor T. D. Seymour; Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. P. Bowditch of Boston, President D. C. Gilman of Baltimore, Mr. M. A. Ryerson of Chicago, Professor T. D. Seymour of New Haven, and Dr. Talcott Williams of Philadelphia; Treasurer, Mr. James H. Hyde of New York.

The income of the Institute, from fees of annual members, sales of publications, and interest on deposits in 1898-99 was \$6177.02; the income from fees alone, less the sums deducted by the treasurers of the Affiliated Societies for local expenses which, under the Regulations, must not exceed ten per cent of the sums collected by them, was \$5172. The income from fees in 1898-99 was less than it was in the preceding year and less than it will be in 1899-1900, for special reasons. The New Haven Society was organized in the spring of 1898, and the annual dues of its members for 1898-99 were promptly collected and paid into the treasury of the Institute before the beginning of the next financial year on September 1, 1898. They, therefore, appear in the accounts for 1897-98. The Cleveland Society also had established the practice of collecting its dues for the following year in May, and the greater part of its fees for 1898-99 appear in the accounts for 1897-98. Hereafter, in conformity with the general practice, it will collect its fees in the autumn. One of the societies has not yet rendered its account for 1898-99.

The budget annually voted by the Council at its meeting in May for the year that begins on the first of the following September is defrayed by the income for that year. It is therefore very important that the annual dues should be collected by the treasurers of the societies and turned over to the treasurer of the Institute as early in the financial year as possible. At its annual meeting in 1898 the Council passed the following vote at the request of Mr. James Loeb, its Treasurer :

Resolved : That the Council request the treasurers of the Affiliated Societies to collect in November, immediately after the holding of the annual meetings of the Societies, the annual fees due from members for the year beginning on the first of the preceding September.

Most of the societies comply promptly with this request. If it were disregarded, the Treasurer would be unable to meet the financial obligations of the Institute.

A heavy demand has been made on the treasury of the Institute during the calendar years 1897, 1898, 1899, on account of the *Journal*. When the Council voted, at its annual meeting in May, 1897, to establish the *Journal* in the Second Series, it determined to begin this Series with the calendar year 1897 ; but the funds used for this purpose were drawn from the income of the financial year that began on the first of September, 1897. Furthermore, the cost of publication of the first volume of the *Journal* in the Second Series was unusually heavy. The Council, desiring to maintain the sound business principle of not anticipating the income of any year, has been gradually reducing the deficit created in 1897, and hopes shortly to be able to meet all charges for publication in each financial year from the income of that year, without anticipating its receipts. By vote of the Council, on recommendation of the Board of Editors, the Institute now makes an annual appropriation of \$4500, of which \$1600 is contributed by the Schools at Athens and in Rome, for the publication of the *Journal*. This sum is paid over to the Board in three installments, each of \$1500, on January 1, May 1, and September 1. The Board has unanimously elected Dr. Clarence H. Young the Business

Manager, and will present a financial statement annually to the Council.

The Council voted to establish a standing Committee of three on American Archaeology, and Mr. Bowditch has consented to serve as its chairman. This Committee will consider the ways in which the Institute may again actively engage in the promotion of the study of this interesting and important subject, and will report from time to time to the Council. Mr. Bowditch addressed the Council on the possibilities of profitable work in this field, and since the meeting has sent to the Executive Committee the following memorandum relating to one department of the general subject :

MEMORANDUM OF PLANS FOR THE USE OF MONEY IN FURTHERING
THE STUDY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

(1) To follow out the migrations of the ancient tribes of Mexico, so far as the same can be done by a close examination and study (including exploration) of the ruins and remains which they have left along their tracks.

This would be a very expensive and long-continued work and would require years and a large amount of money to enable the Institute to bring about satisfactory results.

(2) To organize an exploring expedition to some particular locality in Mexico, Guatemala, or Honduras, and to conduct explorations in such a locality for one or more years.

This plan, although not necessarily taking a long time, would require a considerable sum of money.

(3) To employ Mr. Edward H. Thompson (who is now doing work in Central America for Mr. Stephen Salisbury) to do some special bits of work in Chichen Itza, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Institute.

(4) To offer a money prize for the best original work in some particular line of American Archaeology.

(5) To employ some first-rate lecturer, who shall deliver a course of lectures on American Archaeology in one or more colleges in this country.

(6) To undertake the publication in facsimile of some of the Mexican picture-writings, to be disposed of at a moderate price.

The regular charges upon the funds of the Institute are so many that it will be difficult, if not impossible, for any of these undertakings to be carried out by direct drafts upon its treasury. But these offer an attractive opportunity to the Affiliated Societies of the Institute to promote archaeological investiga-

tion and research. The Regulations of the Institute provide for just such profitable activity on the part of any society. Any moneys contributed for such a purpose are strictly appropriated to it, and contributions toward the cost of any exploration or similar undertaking may be assigned by the donors to the credit of any museum or public institution that they may select. As the Council has previously indicated, such an enterprise would incidentally strengthen the society that undertook it, since it would rouse local pride and interest; and the Council desires to call the special attention of the societies at their next annual meeting to the memorandum furnished by Mr. Bowditch.

The Regulations which were adopted in 1897 provide for an annual meeting of the Institute as a whole, for the reading and discussion of scientific papers by its members. On recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council appointed the first of these meetings for the Christmas Holidays of 1899. It will be held in New Haven on December 27, 28, and 29, and the presence and active coöperation of many members of the Institute is already assured. The opening address will be delivered by Professor Charles Eliot Norton, Honorary President of the Institute. The Council hope that this meeting will happily inaugurate a series of annual meetings that will be permanent.

For the COUNCIL,

JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE, *President*.